

APPENDIX C

Doctor

Story Line	Cough patient visiting the doctor, doctor examining her, giving her an injection, pills, cough mixture, payment of the doctor's fee, taking the medicine and spitting out
Characters	Doctor, patient
Story	A woman goes to see a doctor with her doll. The woman has cough. Doctor listens to her chest and back, examines her throat and takes her temperature. He gives her an injection, some pills and cough mixture. Doctor charges ten dollars as fee. Outside the clinic, the woman gets a coughing fit and takes the medicine. She finds it very bitter and almost throws it away.
Props	Child's Doctor's Box (stethoscope, pencil light, injection syringe) Cough syrup (coke) in a bottle (e.g., Coke 390 ml bottle without wrapper) Two small jars each with large colored pills, one color in each jar (M&M candies) Bags for the pills - larger than usual (e.g., Ziplock) A large ordinary doll Optional: white coat
Run Time	4 minutes
Key Items	Beat 1: hello, doctor, sit down Beat 2: cough, turn around Beat 3: open, close, mouth, say Beat 4: don't talk Beat 5: injection, hurt (feel pain) Beat 6: pill, mixture (cough mixture) Beat 7: fee, bye, numbers 1-5 Beat 8: bitter, also, take (eat)
Special Note	Don't share cola or candies with the audience before or after the play. They should believe that it is medicine.

Beat 1: hello, doctor, sit down

- A doctor in a white coat sitting at a table. We can see a stethoscope, pencil light, injection syringe, a bottle with cough mixture and two jars with pills.
- Enters a patient holding her daughter (the doll). The patient pauses, looks at the doctor, coughs and sneezes into a tissue paper.

DOCTOR ***Oh, hello.***

PATIENT (sniveling)

Hello, doctor.

DOCTOR ***(points to a chair/ stool)***
Sit down.

Patient sneezes.

Repeat 2x

Patient sits down.

(pointing to doll)

This is Jane [substitute local name]

DOCTOR ***Hello, Jane.***

PATIENT (to the doll)

Say, hello.

Beat 2: cough, turn around

DOCTOR ***Yes?***

PATIENT (gets a coughing fit)

Doctor, I have a cough.

DOCTOR ***Yes, you have a cough.***

PATIENT Bad cough.

DOCTOR ***Yes, bad cough.***

PATIENT Very bad cough.

DOCTOR ***Very bad cough.***

Doctor picks up the stethoscope.

DOCTOR ***Turn around.***

Woman turns around. Doctor listens to the back.

DOCTOR ***Turn around.***

Woman turns around. Doctor listens to the chest.

Repeat 2x

Beat 3: open, close, mouth, say

Doctor puts the stethoscope away, scribbles some note and picks up the pen light.

DOCTOR

Open your mouth.

Doctor flashes the light in her mouth.

DOCTOR

Say, aah.

PATIENT

Aah.

DOCTOR

Close your mouth.

Doctor scribbles some notes.

Repeat 2x

Beat 4: talk (don't talk)

Doctor puts away the pen light and gets the thermometer.

DOCTOR ***Open your mouth.***

Doctor puts the thermometer in her mouth.

The woman tries to mumble something with mouth closed.

DOCTOR ***(finger on lips, shakes his head)***

Don't talk.

Repeat 2x

Doctor takes the thermometer from her mouth.

She is annoyed at getting scolded.

(mimics to the audience)

PATIENT ***Don't talk. Don't talk.***

Beat 5: injection, hurt (feel pain)

Doctor picks up the syringe and holds it up.

DOCTOR ***I will give you an injection.***

PATIENT (in horror)

Injection?

DOCTOR ***Yes, injection.***

PATIENT (shakes)

No, no.

DOCTOR (*nods*)

Yes, yes.

PATIENT (feebley)

No.

DOCTOR (*firmly*)

Yes.

She extends her arm, face towards the audience, eyes closed. Doctor gives the injection. She winces in pain.

PATIENT Ouch. It hurts. ... It hurts. ... It hurts.

DOCTOR ***Done.***

Woman strokes her arm.

Beat 6: pill, mixture (cough mixture)

Doctor takes out some pills from each jar. Puts them in two separate bags.

(handing over the bags)
Pills for you.

PATIENT Pills?

DOCTOR *Yes, pills. ... Green pills. ... Red pills.*
 Pours the cough mixture into a vial.

DOCTOR ***This is cough mixture.***

PATIENT Cough mixture?

DOCTOR ***Yes, cough mixture.***

Beat 7: fee, bye, numbers 1-5

(extends his hand)

DOCTOR My fee - ten dollars [substitute local currency]

PATIENT Oh, your fee.

DOCTOR Yes, my fee-ten dollars [substitute local currency]

Patient takes out the money and hands over one by one.

PATIENT One, two, three, four, five. Your fee.

(counts again)

One, two, three, four, five. ... My fee is ten dollars.

Patient takes out more money, counts herself.

PATIENT One dollar, two dollars, three dollars, four dollars, five dollars.

(counts)

DOCTOR One dollar, two dollars, three dollars, four dollars, five dollars.

PATIENT Okay?

DOCTOR Okay.

(waves)

Bye bye.

DOCTOR Bye bye.

PATIENT *(to the doll)*

Say bye.

DOCTOR Bye bye.

Beat 8: bitter, also, take (eat)

PATIENT Patient walks out, gets a coughing fit and stops.
Takes out a green pill.
Let me take this pill.
She puts the pill in her mouth, chews, and spits out
into a tissue in disgust.
(grimacing, to the audience)
It is bitter - very bitter.
Takes out a red pill.
Let me take this pill.
She puts the pill in her mouth, chews, grimaces but
swallows.
(grimacing, to the audience)
It is also bitter.
She coughs again.
Let me take this cough mixture.
She takes a sip of the cough mixture, swallows some
and sprays the rest, making raspberry noises.
(to the audience)
It is also bitter - very bitter.
She gestures to throw away the medicine, thinks
better of it, then exits.

THE END